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TO THE GOVERNOR OF MONTANA HONORABLE THOMAS L. JUDGE

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THOMAS L. JUDGE GOVERNOR

October 16, 1973

Honorable Thomas L. Judge Governor State of Montana Helena, Montana 59601

Dear Governor Judge:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 82-4002, R.C.M. 1947, there is herewith transmitted to you the report of the Federal-State Coordinator covering the fiscal year ended June 30, 1973.

Major accomplishments during the year include:

- I Advocating Montana's viewpoint to the federal establishment.
- II The establishment of a State-Local Coordinator within this office
- III The establishment of the Local Government Advisory Council
- IV Preparation of the Montana Manual of State and Local Government
- V Development of Local Government Programs and Studies
- VI Coordinating State Relations with the Federal Regional Council
- VII Provided liaison services for Montana projects
- VIII Provided information and referral services in the development of State programs

Respectfully submitted, 1. con Hout, with Call

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PRINCIPAL ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

H. DEAN HART Federal-State Coordinator

DOROTHY ECK State-Local Coordinator

FRANCES L. DOCKSTADER Office Manager

PRINCIPAL OFFICE

1424 9th Avenue Helena Montana

LEGAL REFERENCES

The Office of the Federal-State Coordinator was established as a function of the Governor's Office.

PRINCIPAL GOALS

This office exists to coordinate Federal, State and local functions; to identify and develop funding resources; to disseminate Federal policy and grant information; and to advocate Montana's viewpoint to the Federal establishment and the viewpoint of Local Governments to both the State and Federal establishments.

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

ADVOCATE MONTANA'S VIEWPOINT TO THE FEDERAL ESTABLISHMENT

Montana's Federal-State Coordinator for the last six months of 1972 was George McCarthy. During that time he wrapped up projects developed under the Administration of Governor Forrest Anderson and in November of 1972 was named Co-chairman of the Old West Regional Commission.

Governor Thomas Judge named H. Dean Hart, a former member of Senator Mansfield's staff, as Federal-State Coordinator. He spends approximately 75% of his time in Washington, D.C.

II ESTABLISHMENT OF THE OFFICE OF STATE-LOCAL COORDINATOR

Dorothy Eck was named in January as State-Local Coordinator to promote understanding and coordination of efforts between state agencies and units of local government. She also represents the Federal-State Coordinator in the Helena office and on the Governor's cabinet.

III LOCAL GOVERNMENT ADVISORY COUNCIL

A Local Government Advisory Council was established in May. It's purpose is to provide local government with a voice in developing state plans, policies and programs which affect local government and to provide state agencies with a sounding board for their plans and programs.

The Council established the following priorities:

---Local government finance

- ---Statewide planning with local input through district councils
- ---Alternative forms of local government to be considered through the voter review process

The State-Local Coordinator, in providing staff assistance ' the Council, has supported the establishment of research on local government finance within the Department of Revenue and has worked with local government and state officials in planning for the organization of district councils and the relationship of state government to these councils. The objectives and possible methods of voter review of local government structure has been with various agencies and organizations.

IV PREPARATION AND PUBLICATION OF "MONTANA MANUAL OF STATE AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT."

The State-Local Coordinator with assistance from the Department of Intergovernmental Relations, prepared and published the "Montana Manual of State and Local Government," which includes a directory of legislative, judicial and executive officials, an index of services provided by the various agencies of government, a brief explanation of sub-state districting and a listing of the functional plans of state agencies.

V DEVELOPMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT PROGRAMS AND STUDIES

The State-Local Coordinator has worked with representatives of the universities, local government and other groups to develop programs and research projects related to the needs of local government. She chairs a special Rural Area Development Committee sub-committee working with county commissioners and planning boards to establish mechanism to coordinate the planning and projects of various local, state and federal agencies. This office has also provided assistance to a University of Montana proposal to prepare study material for use in the local government voter review process.

VI STATE RELATIONS WITH FEDERAL REGIONAL COUNCIL

Governor Judge requested increased appropriations for the Federal State Coordinator in 1974 to fund a State-Regional Coordinator who would work with the Federal Regional Council in Denver. Several meetings were arranged to initiate communication between the council and state and local officials in Montana. The Governor expressed his intention to work with the Regional Council in developing programs of benefit to Montana but has resisted the council's efforts to use their position to lobby for administration policy where it is not in Montana's interest.

VII LIAISON SERVICE FOR MONTANA PROJECTS

The Federal-State Coordinator continues to negotiate the funding of applications submitted to the federal executive by various jurisdictions and other entities with the state. The interests of Montana have been advocated in reversing the V planned relocation of the U.S. Forest Service Region I office from Missoula to Denver, in reversing the announced decision to close the Butte EDA office, in negotiating for fish and g 'me losses resulting from the construction of Libby Dam, in stres, ing the need for uniform federal reclamation standards, in seeking tunding for the Old West Commission and in many other concerns.

VIII INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICES

Information has been provided and appropriate referrals made to all officials, agencies, organizations and individuals requesting information regarding federal grant-in-aid programs, status of federal legislation, and the allocation of federal funds.

PROGRAM COST SUMMARY

	FY 1972-3	FY 1971-72	Increase (decrease)
PERSONAL SERVICES	\$40,900.00	\$43,672.00	(2,772.00)
OPERATING EXPENSES	14,100.00	6,328.00	7,772.00
EQUIPMENT	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL BY CATEGORY	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00
GENERAL FUND	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00
TOTAL FUNDING	\$55,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$5,000.00